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TAGS: OVIP (BUTTERFIELD, ALEXANDER P.), BEXP, RO

SUBJ: TRAVEL OF FAA ADMINISTRATOR

1. CLEARANCES GRANTED FOR BUCHAREST PORTION OF TRIP FOR BOTH
PRIMARY AND SECONDARY AIRCRAFT.

2. CIVAIR AUTHORITIES HERE HAVE INFORMED US THAT COLONEL GENERAL
VASILE ALEXE AND MAJOR GENERAL CONSTANTIN ZGAVARDICI WILL BE
VISITING FARNBOROUGH AIR SHOW, AND IT MAY BE USEFUL FOR FAA OR
EMBASSY
OFFICIALS TO MEET AND TALK WITH THEM. ALEXE IS COMMANDER OF AIR
AND AIR DEFENSE FORCES AND DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENSE. ZGAVARDICI
IS IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND HIS FUNCTION THERE HAS NOT BEEN
MADE CLEAR TO US. ONE TITLE FREQUENTLY USED IS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF
TAROM, THE ROMANIAN AIRLINE. (TAROM FALLS UNDER MINISTRY OF DEFENSE.)

ZGAVARDICI IN ANY CASE PLAYS A KEY ROLE IN ROMANIAN AVIATION PRO-
CUREMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, BOTH MINISTRY AND CIVAIR, AND WOULD BE
WELL WORTH TALKING TO IF THE OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF. ONE
SUBJECT OF CURRENT INTEREST IS ROMANIA'S INTENTIONS WITH REGARD
TO THE PURCHASE OF MEDIUM RANGE JETS, WITH BOEING AND DOUGLAS
COMPETING ON US SIDE, AND BAC ALSO A STRONG CONTENDER AS POSSIBLE
SUPPLIERS. DECISION ON PURCHASE WAS TO HAVE BEEN MADE SHORTLY
BUT HAS NOW BEEN PUT OFF, PRESUMABLY UNTIL AFTER ROMANIAN COMMUNIST
PARTY CONGRESS IN NOVEMBER. PREVIOUS ROMANIAN PURCHASE OF BAC-111S
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WAS LINKED TO PRODUCTION IN ROMANIA OF BRITTEN-NORMAN ISLANDER, AND

SINCE ROMANIA CURRENTLY MAKING GREAT EFFORT TO EXPAND AIRCRAFT
INDUSTRY, SIMILAR OR RELATED OFFER FROM BRITISH MIGHT GIVE BAC
COMPETITIVE EDGE. ANY READING ON TIMING OF DECISION OR AIRCRAFT
PREFERENCE OBTAINED FROM ALEXE OR ZGAVARDICI OR ON NATURE OF BRITISH
OFFER OBTAINED FROM ANY SOURCE WOULD BE MOST USEFUL.
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